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Federal Rail Ownership

Rate Fixing To Be Decided To-day

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21. Cham-

n for indefinite govern Ashtust, Johnson, of Kirby and Phelan,

the proposal to-morrow.

An amendment offered by Senator Frelinghuy-en, of New Jersey, and adopted, provides that the new law shall not interfere with state taxation

To Discuss Rate Fixing

Commission, is expected to be the principal controversy. Late to-day Sension Poindexter introduced an amendment providing that the commission's authority shall not be interfered with except that the President, if necessary, way supersede the commission's orders.

Senator Lewis declared the Administration bill was a forerunner of government control over various public utilities and predicted that the question would be the great demestic issue in the next presidential campaign.

"Let us not deceive ourselves as to the meaning of this measure," Senator will never be permitted to return to the former state of personal control for private benefit. At the same time this take the telegraph and telephone privitate the telegraph and telephone privitate to the country takes over the railroads, it will take the telegraph and telephone privitate of the country takes over the railroads, it will take the telegraph and telephone privitate to the telegraph and telephone privitates as a control for private the telegraph and telephone privitates as a control for private the telegraph and telephone privitates the telegraph and te

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Record Unknown to State Department

-He Edited "War," Peace Propaganda Paper

✓ [Staff Correspondence] terminals will be eliminated soon, the year, to furnish accommodations for But the appointment conferring this orn

Says Hoover

B. D. Allinson, Who Pre- Demands Drastic Embargoes at Once to Clear Railroads

> Reserve Centres Nearly Depleted

He Is Now on Way to Berne Aid to Allies Also Menaced, Administrator Now

interior terminals and the seaboard

Administrator:

1. Exhaustion of food reserves in the large consuming centres, with resulting local food famines.

the failure of the United States to make good its food promises to the Allies.

ness, with the result that the necessary drastic freight and passenger embargo policies advocated by the food administration have been rejected.

Security League.

"The time is coming, and we might as well prepare to face it," declared former President Taft, "when the seeds

Mr. Hoover's statement follows: Mr. Hoover's statement follows:
"In response to many inquiries, I beg to say it is true that, since the first of Becember, we have fallen far behind our agreed food programme with the Allies. By the end of February we will be short 45,000,000 bushels in cereal products, which we undertook as our share of their supplies. We will also be short of the amount of meat and pork products that we were to de-

veather was insuperable and, al-hough progress has been made since he 5th of February, the situation is

most critical period in our food history. The simple fact is that the problem goes far deeper than sunplies to the Allies. During the last three months we have far fallen behind in movement of foodstuffs from the farms to the consuming and storage centres. Up to the first of February less than 50 per cent of the normal ratio of corn has been moved, less than 80 per cent of the oats and less than 80 per cent of the potatoes from November 1 to January 1. We were short in the usual movement of grains and grain products into the terminals alone, by over 120,000 carlonds—over 120,000,000 bushels—and this further aggregated by similar shortage outside the terminals.

Corn Supply Menaced Corn Supply Menaced

"Furthermore, this year we have
the largest percentage of soft corn
in many years, and though we have
a record crop of corn, a considerable portion of the soft corn will
be lost by spoiling unless it can be
moved in the next sixty days to the
drying terminals. The least amount
of grain that must be loaded for the
next sixty days is 8000 000 bushele next sixty days is 8,000,000 bushels per day and we have not yet at-tained that. Less than this will solve neither the Allied nor our domestic situation

ing their ment value and are only adding to the costs of the farmer and consuming the grain.

Effect of Delayed Movement

"First -To jeopardize the safety of a great deal of the soft corn and perishables such as potatoes. "Second The stricture in flow

day, because the consuming trades are undersupplied and the farmers compete for transportation, Prices of the coarse grains have reached unheard of levels, while the lim-ited transportation has diminished the farmers' returns.

"Third -The cost of grains for feeding livestock has so increased to the feeders of finished cattle that they face serious losses. The

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Disloyalist Sent Food Crisis In 45 German Warships Moving On Reval; Armies Advance; Trotzky Is Ready to Resign

Austrian Socialists Demand Peace Minsk and Rovno Fall,

AMSTERDAM, Fcb. 21.-The Austrian Socialists have convoked mass meetings to support their demand that direct peace negotiations shall be opened with the United States.

The Austrian Emperor has warned the leaders of the different Parliamentary parties that he will prorogue the Reichsrath and govern the country by absolute methods if a majority is not secured for the provisional budget. *

Czech protests are loud against the advance of the German troop

The Poles are extremely dissatisfied with the Austrian government, and demand that the Ukrainian frontier shall be fixed at the River Bug and that Count Czernin, Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minis-

Drive Begun to Wipe Out Dissension in the Nation

National Service Congress Win First, Then Parley, Pleads for United Nation; Taft Warns Against

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.-William T Taft, Governor Frank O. Lowden, S. Stanwood Menken and hundreds of the of the Congress of National Service food held under the auspices of the National Security League.

German Peace

of discontent will be sown, when we meet disaster, when with hellish malignity the Germans will suggest for peace. We must have our people educated to stand up against that and teach the Germans that a moral people like us will die sooner than give up no money, no indemnity, no additional nower. We are fighting for humanity.

universal service that would call for at least one year's intensive training by 20,000 men. What Joffre did ask, he are continuing the advance.

tional Security League, outlined the terms of ancient racial prejudices and th usand motor cars, 1,000 railway car began by the league. He urged a par- the Old World. The problem of patriot- vast stores of supplies. ticularly stern warfare on seditionasts. ism is how to make us one people. The speed with which the enemy is

Savs Viscount Milner

LONDON, Feb. 21 .- Viscount Milner, member of the War Cabinet, speaking at Plymouth to-day, deprecated too much talk about war aims. "Until the peace negotiations are

reached," he said, "we are fighting for our lives and the very existence of the free nations of Western Europe. As a result of the collapse of Russia the military party of Germany is again firmly in the saddle. Doubtless many of the people of Germany loathe the continuance of bloodshed for mere aggression, but at present they are quite powerless." Lord Milner contended that it was

no longer a question of destroying Prussian militarism, but whether Prussian militarism would destroy the Allies and dominate Europe and "President Wilson and Premier

Lloyd George have made it perfectly clear," he continued, "that we have no desire to dismember Germany dictate her constitution or exclude her from a fair share of the world's intercourse. There can be but one answer to Germany's challenge, and that answer may involve greater sac-

ticularly stern warfare on seditionasts.

In his letter regretting his inability through illness to be present at the congress, Mr. Root said:

"Let us be warned by poor Russia's present position. The Bolsheviki were very cloquent about peace, 'without annexations or indemnities,' and they filled the minds of Russian soldiers and workmen with the idea to such an average of the war, for unity of action in a free government. Had we succeeded, by the slow process called education, in implanting in the minds of a regretation of the war, for unity of action in a free government. Had we succeeded, by the slow process called education, in implanting in the minds of and workmen with the idea to such a series of the war, for unity of thought concerning the meaning of the war, for unity of thought is essential to unity of action in a free government. Had we succeeded, by the slow process called education, in implanting in the minds of a workmen with the idea to such an average of the war, for unity of thought concerning the meaning of the war, for unity of action in a free government. Had we succeeded, by the slow process called education, in implanting in the minds of a workmen with the idea to such an action, in implanting in the process called education, in implanting in the minds of a workmen with the idea to such an action, the continuous continuo

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"Of course there have been mistakes war -t would be a miracle if there were not. Sincere and constructive or the wart of the wart. The would be a miracle if the wart with which we all support and rein the world and the revenue the heartment with which we all support and rein the world and the revenue the heartment with which we all support and rein the world and the revenue the heartment with which we all support and rein the world and the revenue the heartment with which we all support and rein the world and the carried from the great, work we have before us."

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Advance on Pskoff

German troops, having occupied by the bene very negligent in our sedition laws and too tolerant in our treatment of the enemy. I do not believe in the standard of the Hun that war is personal, but I insist that no enemy aliens should be permitted to speak or gather in free assembly or over five persons except on consent of the authorities."

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 21.—Governor philipp's bill empowering him to appoint a United States Senator to fill the vacancy created by the death of Paul O. Husting was defeated in the State Senator proof by the death of Paul O. Husting was defeated in the State Senator to say and the cooperative plan adopted by the people of his state, as a war aid. "We have over-subscribed every call upon the state," he said. "We will continue to over-subscribed in addition, we organized a state malifia and turned it over to the government.

Dr. Robert M. McElroy, of Princeton University and educational director of the National Security League, denied published statements that all the military aid Joffre asked of the United States was two divisions of a total of the war programme.

Esthonia Overrun by Invading Forces

Nearly 1,500 Guns Seized in Drive

Bolsheviki Surrender Still on Way to Commander of Germans

LONDON, Feb. 21.-Forty-five German warships were approaching Reval on Wednesday, according to a message received by "The Express" from its Petrograd correspondent. Troops have been landed at Reval and "The Daily News" Bolshevik correspondent telegraphs that Trotzky will probably resign.

Reval is the great Russian naval base on the southern coast of the Gulf of Finland, guarding the water approaches to Petrograd. It is about two hundred miles from the capital. Since Helsingfors, the sister fortress on the opposite shore is now in the hands of Finnish rebels, Kronstadt is the sole remaining defence for Petrograd.

"The Daily Mail's" Petrograd correspondent, telegraphing Wednesday afternoon, says that the latest developments there have made impos sible measures of assistance which the Allies were preparing to give Russia in her fight against

Minsk and Rovno Fall in Unresisted Drive of Germans

helpless Russia in an unresisted drive,

said, was 30,000 men "at once," and 1t was announced in Berlin to-day added that the French leader got them. that a general commanding an army, "To-day we are a people of divided 425 officers and 8,700 men had been Mr. Menken, president of the Na- counsel," he declared, "thinking in taken, besides 1,353 guns, four to five cosities brought from (many laden with food), airplanes and

took place. The Red Guards offered no

Senate Beats

Indefinite Supervision Is Defeated by Sixty-one to Ten

House Is Expected to Take Final Action Next Week

clons of government ownership lost by s overwhelming vote in the Senate day their fight for indefinite control of the railroads after the war. An mendment to the Administration railad bill offered by Senator Johnson. control should continue Louis, Washington and Southern ntil Congress otherwise ordered, was points and other important passenger soon after it opens its doors, late this fort among the warring nations.

bill to-day in both houses of Congress, but the Senate disposed of al mnortant amendments and will reach feal vote to-morrow. Discussion was

anting carriers an additional allow-nec, aggregating about \$6,500,000 an-ually, for morey enerit on improve-tents last year, was adopted, 44 to 34. On a viva vece the Senate rejected

seek a record vote on

In the found contest to-morrow, in the

the telegraph and telephone privi-and then the products for fuel, cularly the lands of coal and oil,

Senator Lewis declared the Admin- fast passenger trains and other lines East Forty-fourth Street, the roof of Department. He is believed to have

THIS IS MEATLESS

the other two lines. St. Louis is under consideration by R. use also to resume their air garb if the interest of conscientious objectors, II. Aishton, region director at Chicago. they haven't time after their evening among whom he classed himself.

AND A FEW OF THE DESCENDANTS

H. Markham, regional lirector for in New York to return to the hotel | Information supplied by The Tribune the South, is working on the Couth.

By this means the railroad administration hopes to save many millions of dollars without inconveniencing passenger traffic. In many cases, officials point out, the fast trains running in competition are only partially filled.

Information supplied by The Tribune was verified in a hurried investigation may go about his evening's entertainment with the assurance that alert attendants have trundled his machine into a hangar and that expert mechanics of the control of the contro

just dropped in for an evening of opera his association with "War?" and the The elimination between Chicago and or a theatre party, and which they may propaganda he had been carrying on in

things the requiring of the requiring to the government and by surrendering to the government admitted the one power capable to carry on the fock under the existing conditions was be government itself.

The government now conducts the read and directs them as the proof of the power and ability to do so, "The government tower and ability to do so," to severally itself to the calamity under the would be the calamity under the conservatives and in possession of our Clean and group and an impossession of our country of the power ment and skall aspects again the proposal for the purpose of the present of the purpose of the present of the purpose of the present of the purpose of the purpose of the present of the purpose of the present of the purpose of the pu

Be on Fifth Avenue To-day To-day New York will see her own, rifle on shoulder, in the olive drab, belted for war. At 1:30 this afternoon. Fifth Avenue, that heard the shuffle of their untrained feet as they marched away last fall, wavering, uncouth lines of civilians, will sound to the tramp of 20,000 army shoes slamming along in the route step. Instead of the half-abashed youngsters who straggled away to camp a few months ago the city will see men transformed. She will see them, not as in-

dividuals, but as firm ranks of fighting men-part of the First Na-This will probably be the last parade of these men until they have been "over there" and are home for good.

Only One Line Aero Hangars Will Run Fast Planned Atop Trains to West

Lines to Cut Com-

petition

New Hotel McAdoo Orders Big Eastern Roof of Commodore Will Be

Landing Place for

THIS ISN'T SO BAD

MHEN YOU THINK

WHAT WE ARE FIGHT

WHAT DO I CARE ABOUT

MEATLESS DAY- I WANT

MY BEEFSTEAK

By U.S. to Berne Next 60 Days, To Be Recalled

Declares

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21. Brent Dow WASHINGTON, Feb. 21. Only im-Allinson, associate editor of "War?" mediate and drastic embargoes to clear WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Fast pas- The Hotel Commodore, which is be- the American forces abroad, to-night can now save the food situation, both senger train competition between New ing built at Forty-second Street and is on route to Berne, Switzerland, to with regard to feeding our Allies and York and Chicago, Chicago and St. Lexington Avenue, will be prepared in that storm centre of diplomatic effill a borth in the American Legation the people of our Eastern cities, Food

over disputed railroad administration announced to- man and 'plane. The hotel is to con-"The next sixty days will be the most Determined contests over disputed period in our road instory," soon as he can be reached by the State Ar. Hoover stated. Two inevitable consequences of continued delay in moving food from the producing areas THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE FATHER OF OUR COUNTRY to interior markets and the scaboard terminals are predicted by the Food

2. Crippling of Allied arms through

portation chaos, officials of the food administration point out. During January insuperable difficulties were encountered in moving all classes of freight. However, during the last three weeks the railroad administratiin, it is alleged, has failed to appearse food transport needs in their full serious-with the result that the neces-

oork products that we were to de

"We have about 130,000 carloads of potatoes on November 1, which should have been moved from the principal producing centres, and un to the first of February we had moved about 28,000 carloads, while we should have moved over 50,000 in this period. The result is that potatoes are piled up, spoiling in the producers' hands, and the consuming centres have only been supplied by virtue of the summer gardens and other stores carried over from last year. There is a great deal of livestock which has been ready for the market for some time, but is still held in the farmers' hands through inability to security and the producers with the farmer transportation. These cattle are eating their heads of without increasing their meat value and are only adding to the costs of the farmer

"The effect of this delayed move-ment has been many fold:

of distribution has entirely dis-turbed the price conditions in the country by practically suspending the law of supply and demand. The margins between the farmer and the consumer in many commodities were never wider than they are to-day, because the gonsuming to